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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (FANG, YI) TECH CH GW

SUBJ: VICE PREMIER FANG YI TO VISIT FRG

1. WEST GERMAN DCM TOLD USLO JUNE 29, ASKING THAT INFORMATION BE CLOSELY HELD FOR THE TIME BEING, THAT PRC VICE PREMIER FANG YI WILL BE VISITING THE FRG THIS FALL. HE SAID THE DATES FOR THE VISIT WERE NOT YET FIRM: THE CHINESE HAVE SUGGESTED LATE SEPTEMBER AND THE GERMANS HAD PROPOSED EARLY OCTOBER AAS AN ALTERNATIVE.

2. A LONG-TIME ASSOCIATE OF CHOU EN-LIA, LI HSIEN-NIEN, AND TENG HSIAO-PING, FANG YI HAS MOVED INTO THE TOP OF THE SECOND ECHELON OF THE PRC SINCE 1977. HE BECAME A POLITBURO MEMBER IN JULY 1977, FIRST DEPUTY HEAD OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN NOVEMBER 1977, AND VICE PREMIER AND HEAD OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN FEBRUARY 1978. WITH THE DEATH OF KUO MO-JO EARLIER THIS MONTH FANG IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE TOP MAN IN CHINA'S PROGRAM FOR MODERNIZING SCIENCE.

3. THE PRC AND FRG HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING A SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND A DRAFT AGREE-  
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MENT IS IN PREPARATION. FANG PROBABLY INTENDS TO  
SIGN THE AGREEMENT.  
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